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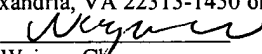
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Li Zhang
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Art Unit: 1723
Examiner: Fortuna, A.
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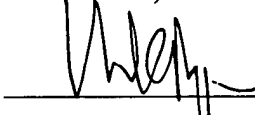

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the June 17, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before December 17, 2003. Please charge the fee of \$930.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), and any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-1133.

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